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RETRIEVAL-TYPE TASKS BY
IDENTIFYING THE RELATIONS OF
CONSTITUENTS

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on
May 8, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as
follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 41 and 43 as follows:

SUB C4 41. (Amended) A computer readable medium storing a data structure
used in determining a relationship between first and second
textual inputs, the data structure comprising:

B1 a plurality of pre-computed aspects of at least one of the
first and second textual inputs, the pre-computed
aspects being useful in determining the relationship
between the first and second textual inputs;

wherein the plurality of pre-computed aspects includes a
linguistic analysis of at least a portion of the first
and second textual inputs.